

La Bagatelle
The Grove Blackheath
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Dear Sir, It gives me
much pleasure to be able
in reply to your kind
enquiry, to relieve you
from further trouble
in the matter to which
you refer.

When the third or double
column edition, which
numbered three thousand
copies, was being printed,
it was resolved to do
make up one thousand
of them in book form, that

is, Small Octavo or two
decims, I forget which
it is called, as more
portable, than the tall
copies; and as this gave
rise to some confusion
among the buyers, Sellers,
and orderers, the smaller
book, being sold at five
shillings, and the larger
double Columned, at
half a crown, the smaller
one came to be called
the fourth edition. For
Lake's distinction, ^{though} it
it is precisely the same
in paper and type; the
only difference to be traced
being in its making-up.

These smaller ones are not
called "4th Edⁿ", on
the Title Page; I hardly
thought they could
justifiably claim that
position; nevertheless
they rank as such, I
never see one. They have
probably all been
thorned out of ex-
istence.

Thank much for your
special satisfaction.
Should anything bring
you in this neighbour-
hood I shall be happy
to show you one or
two specimens of American
Illustrated Editions.

Believe me always,

Sincerely yours

Yrs
R. LaFayette